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SUBJECT: PROPOSED CCMS SEISMOLOGY PROJECT

REF: (A) ROME 2535: (B) USNATO 1567

1. SCIATT, AS MENTIONED REF A (NOTAL), MET TDAY WITH THE CNR
(NATIONAL RESEARCH COMMITTEE) COMMITTEE ON GEOLOGY AND MINERALOGY.
THE SUBJECT PROJECT WAS ONE OF SEVERAL TOPICS DISCUSSED INFORMALLY.

2. SCIATT EMPHASIZED THAT IN ORDER TO BE SUCCESSFUL THIS PROJECT
WOULD NEED TO HAVE THE SUPPORT OF THE BEST AVAILABLE EXPERTISE IN
ITALY. THE COMMITTEE SEEMED UNANIMOUS IN WANTING TO PROVIDE THIS
SUPPORT, AND THE CHAIRMAN (BRUNO MARTINIS, PROFESSOR OF GEOLOGY,
UNIVERSITY OF MILAN) EXPRESSED HIS REGRET THAT FOR A VARIETY OF
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REASONS NO ONE TECHNICALLY COMPETENT HAD ATTENDED THE FEBRUARY
13-14 MEETING. MARTINIS CLEARLY WANTED TO CORRECT THIS SITUATION
IN THE FUTURE.

3. THE COMMITTEE MEMBERS WERE ANXIOUS TO SUGGEST SOME
CHANGES IN THE PROPOSAL DEVELOPED AT THE FEB 13-14 MEETING
(REF B) AND WANTED TO KNOW IF THE MARCH 14-15 PLENARY WOULD

PROVIDE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR SUCH CHANGES. SCIATT INDICATED THAT HE WAS NOT CERTAIN ABOUT THIS, BUT THAT HE WOULD BE GLAD TO COMMUNICATE COMMENTS FROM THE COMMITTEE TO OUR PEOPLE. USNATO ACTION REQUESTED: PLEASE INFORM IF THERE WILL BE A REAL OPPORTUNITY IN MARCH TO AMEND THE PROPOSAL.

4. BEGIN LOU: CORTELLESA, THE ITALIAN PARTICIPANT IN THE FEB 13-14 MEETING, CAME BACK TO ROME TELLING HIS ITALIAN COLLEAGUES THAT HE HAD DRAFTED THE PROPOSED PROJECT. HE IS NOT RPT NOT ON GOOD TERMS WITH HIS GEOLOGIST COLLEAGUES, AND THIS CLAIM HAS MADE THEM LESS THAN RECEPTIVE TO THE PROPOSAL AS NOW DRAFTED, THOUGH THE OBJECTIVES ARE LIKELY TO BE MATTERS OF DETAIL. WE REGARD CORTELLESA'S TENURE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH AS HIGHLY UNCERTAIN. HE ALREADY HAS A REPUTATION FOR FIGHTING PUBLICLY WITH HIS ITALIAN TECHNICAL COLLEAGUES IN THE UNEP MEDITERRANEAN MEETINGS. WE WOULD THEREFORE CONTINUE TO RECOMMEND, AS IN REF A, EFFORTS TO INVOLVE TECHNICALLY COMPETENT ITALIANS DIRECTLY IN THE SEISMOLOGY PROJECT. END LOU.GARDNER

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